

AN ORDINANCE      **101682**

**AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE WASTEWATER SERVICE  
RATES, CONTAINED IN CITY CODE OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS  
CHAPTER 34, CHARGED BY THE SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM;  
AND AMENDING THE CITY CODE ACCORDINGLY.**

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**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 75686, authorized and approved by the City Council of the City of San Antonio, Texas ("City Council") on April 30, 1992, requires that the San Antonio Water System Board of Trustees (the "Board") determine the rates, fees and charges for services rendered by the San Antonio Water System ("SAWS"); and

**WHEREAS**, aging infrastructure is one of the most serious issues facing SAWS and its wastewater customers; and

**WHEREAS**, to address this issue SAWS performed a cost of service and rate design study in 2003 and prepared a report on the basis of this study; and

**WHEREAS**, the residential, general and wholesale wastewater rates were revised by the City Council on February 12, 2004 and became effective March 1, 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, the current rates do not fully recover the increased capital investments needed to address the aging infrastructure of SAWS; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed rates for calendar year 2006 are necessary to meet the funding requirements of the SAWS 2006 operating budget, as well as the financing of the required calendar year 2006 capital improvements program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to continue maintaining charges for wastewater that are affordable to all of SAWS customers, especially for low income residential customers; and

**WHEREAS**, SAWS has followed and continues to follow all applicable notification requirements for rate adjustments for wastewater service; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the citizens of San Antonio for the City Council to adopt the proposed adjustments to the wastewater rates to provide funds for the necessary costs of operating SAWS, including repairs and replacements of aging infrastructure and the necessary costs of certain strategic initiatives for improvement, in order to ensure the continuation of the high quality service that the citizens of San

Antonio have come to expect from SAWS; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed annual increase in wastewater service rates is 0.5%; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is empowered to approve and adopt such proposed adjustments to rates and charges and amendments to Chapter 34 of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas ("City Code") and the incorporated rate schedules; **NOW THEREFORE**:

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** The adjusted wastewater service rates set forth in Attachment I to this Ordinance are authorized and approved.

**SECTION 2.** These rates shall be effective for all SAWS billings on and after January 1, 2006.

**SECTION 3.** The City Code shall be amended in accordance with Attachment I to this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth day after passage.

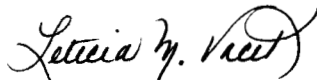
**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005.



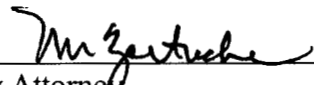
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ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
for City Attorney

# Attachment

## I

## ATTACHMENT I

### AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 34 OF THE SAN ANTONIO CITY CODE

The City Code of the City of San Antonio Chapter 34, Water and Sewers, Article III, Sewer Service and Rates, Section 34-226 Establishment of Rate Schedules is hereby amended by deleting the language that is stricken and adding the language that is underlined (added) as set forth herein.

#### **Article III. Sewer Service and Rates**

Rate Schedule A, B and C relating to wastewater residential, general, and wholesale customers are hereby amended and shall hereinafter read as attached hereto and incorporated herein.

#### **Section 34.226. Establishment of Rates and Schedules, Rates Schedules, and Affordability Discount Analysis**

~~The schedule of sewer service rates and charges contained in Schedule A for residential sewer service customers, the schedule of sewer service rates and charges contained in Schedule B for general sewer service customers, and the sewer service rates and charges contained in Schedule C for wholesale sewer service customers, as amended attached hereto, shall be effective to be applied to all billings after one complete monthly billing period, and shall be the lawful rates for sewer service to be charged by the System.~~

The schedule of sewer service rates and charges contained in Schedule A for residential sewer service customers, the schedule of sewer service rates and charges contained in Schedule B for general sewer service customers, and the sewer service rates and charges contained in Schedule C for wholesale sewer service customers, as amended attached hereto, shall be effective for all billings on or about January 1, 2006, and shall be the lawful rates for sewer service to be charged by the System.

Rate Schedules A, B and C relating to sewer service for residential, general and wholesale customers are hereby amended and shall hereinafter read as attached hereto and incorporated herein.

ATTACHMENT I  
Schedule A

**RESIDENTIAL CLASS WATER AND SEWER RATE SCHEDULES**  
**SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM**  
San Antonio, Texas  
Effective January 1, 2006

The Service Availability Charge (minimum bill) for all residential water service **INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS** of San Antonio furnished through meters of the following sizes together with the Monthly Volume Charge measured per 100 gallons of water usage in every instance of service for each month or fraction thereof shall be as follows:

**MONTHLY SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGE**

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Service Availability Charge</u>
5/8"	\$6.56
3/4"	8.32
1"	12.10
1-1/2"	21.56
2"	32.90
3"	59.37
4"	97.19
6"	191.75
8"	305.19
10"	437.57
12"	815.76

**MONTHLY VOLUME CHARGE**

<u>Usage Blocks</u>	<u>Rate Per 100 Gallons</u>	
	<u>Standard</u>	<u>Seasonal</u>
First 7,481	\$0.0878	\$0.0878
Next 5,236	0.1268	0.1379
Next 4,488	0.1994	0.2148
Over 17,205	0.3186	0.4114

The Volume Charge "Seasonal" Rate Per 100 Gallons shall be applied to all billings beginning July 1 and ending on or about October 31 of each year. At all other times the Volume Charge "Standard" Rate Per 100 Gallons shall be utilized.

The Service Availability Charge (minimum bill) for all residential water service **OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS** of San Antonio furnished through meters of the following sizes together with the Monthly Volume Charge measured per 100 gallons for water usage in every instance of service for each month or fraction thereof shall be as follows:

**MONTHLY SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGE**

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Service Availability Charge</u>
5/8"	\$8.51
3/4"	10.81
1"	15.73
1-1/2"	28.02
2"	42.77
3"	77.18
4"	126.35
6"	249.26
8"	396.75
10"	568.83
12"	1,060.48

**MONTHLY VOLUME CHARGE**

<u>Usage Blocks</u>	<u>Rate Per 100 Gallons</u>	
	<u>Standard</u>	<u>Seasonal</u>
First 7,481	\$0.1140	\$0.1140
Next 5,236	0.1649	0.1793
Next 4,488	0.2591	0.2793
Over 17,205	0.4141	0.5348

The Volume Charge "Seasonal" Rate Per 100 Gallons shall be applied to all billings beginning July 1 and ending on or about October 31 of each year. At all other times the Volume Charge "Standard" Rate Per 100 Gallons shall be utilized.

**SEWER**

Sewer service charges for all metered residential connections are computed on the basis of average water usage for 90 days during three consecutive billing periods beginning after November 15 and ending on or about March 15 of each year and are billed according to the rate schedules below.

**INSIDE CITY LIMITS (ICL)**

Monthly Service Availability Charge (includes first 1,496 gallons) - \$7.37  
Over 1,496 gallons - \$0.1953 per 100 gallons.

~~New customers or customers moving from one location to another who would not~~ Customers who do not have a record of winter water usage or an interim average will be billed an Unaveraged or Unmetered Residential Charge of \$20.52 per month.

**OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS (OCL)**

Monthly Service Availability Charge (includes first 1,496 gallons) - \$8.85  
Over 1,496 gallons - \$0.2343 per 100 gallons.

~~New customers or customers moving from one location to another who would not~~ Customers who do not have a record of winter water usage or an interim average will be billed an Unaveraged or Unmetered Residential Charge of \$24.62 per month.

ATTACHMENT 1  
Schedule B

**GENERAL CLASS WATER AND SEWER RATE SCHEDULES  
SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM**

San Antonio, Texas  
Effective January 1, 2006

The Service Availability Charge (minimum bill) for all general water service **INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS** of San Antonio furnished through meters of the following sizes together with the Monthly Volume Charge measured per 100 gallons for water usage in every instance of service for each month or fraction thereof shall be as follows:

MONTHLY  
SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGE

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Service Availability Charge</u>
5/8"	\$9.51
3/4"	12.75
1"	18.61
1-1/2"	33.94
2"	51.19
3"	103.60
4"	170.93
6"	339.18
8"	526.36
10"	732.45
12"	1,154.89

MONTHLY VOLUME CHARGE

<u>Usage Blocks</u>	<u>Rate Per 100 Gallons</u>
Below Base*	\$0.1052
100-125% of Base	0.1218
125-150% of Base	0.1582
150-200% of Base	0.2072
Over 200% of Base	0.3062

\*The Base Use is defined as 90% of the Annual Average Consumption

The Service Availability Charge (minimum bill) for all general water service **OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS** of San Antonio furnished through meters of the following sizes together with the Monthly Volume Charge measured per 100 gallons for water usage in every instance of service for each month or fraction thereof shall be as follows:

MONTHLY  
SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGE

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Service Availability Charge</u>
5/8"	\$11.46
3/4"	15.23
1"	22.23
1-1/2"	40.40
2"	61.06
3"	121.42
4"	200.08
6"	396.70
8"	617.92
10"	863.71
12"	1,399.62

MONTHLY VOLUME CHARGE

<u>Usage Blocks</u>	<u>Rate Per 100 Gallons</u>
Below Base*	\$0.1366
100-125% of Base	0.1584
125-150% of Base	0.2055
150-200% of Base	0.2692
Over 200% of Base	0.3982

\*The Base Use is defined as 90% of the Annual Average Consumption

**SEWER**

Sewer service charges are computed from the water usage schedules below for all metered connections.

INSIDE CITY LIMITS (ICL)

Monthly Service Availability Charge (includes first 1,496 gallons) - \$7.37  
Over 1,496 gallons - \$0.1953 per 100 gallons.

OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS (OCL)

Monthly Service Availability Charge (includes first 1,496 gallons) - \$8.85  
Over 1,496 gallons - \$0.2343 per 100 gallons.

ATTACHMENT 1  
Schedule C

**WHOLESALE CLASS WATER AND SEWER RATE SCHEDULES  
SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM**

San Antonio, Texas  
Effective January 1, 2006

The Service Availability Charge (minimum bill) for all wholesale water service **INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS** of San Antonio furnished through meters of the following sizes together with the Monthly Volume Charge measured per 100 gallons for water usage in every instance of service for each month or fraction thereof shall be as follows:

**MONTHLY  
SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGE**

<u>Meter Size†</u>	<u>Service Availability Charge</u>
6"	\$191.75
8"	305.19
10"	437.57
12"	815.76

**MONTHLY VOLUME CHARGE**

<u>Usage Blocks</u>	<u>Rate Per 100 Gallons</u>
Below Base*	\$0.0764
100-125% of Base	0.0953
125-150% of Base	0.1311
150-200% of Base	0.1748
Over 200% of Base	0.2292

\*The Base Use is defined as 90% of the Annual Average Consumption.

The Service Availability Charge (minimum bill) for all wholesale water service **OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS** of San Antonio furnished through meters of the following sizes together with the Monthly Volume Charge measured per 100 gallons for water usage in every instance of service for each month or fraction thereof shall be as follows:

**MONTHLY  
SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGE**

<u>Meter Size†</u>	<u>Service Availability Charge</u>
6"	\$249.26
8"	396.75
10"	568.83
12"	1,060.48

**MONTHLY VOLUME CHARGE**

<u>Usage Blocks</u>	<u>Rate Per 100 Gallons</u>
Below Base*	\$0.0993
100-125% of Base	0.1239
125-150% of Base	0.1705
150-200% of Base	0.2273
Over 200% of Base	0.2980

\*The Base Use is defined as 90% of the Annual Average Consumption.

† Wholesale water service will not be provided through a meter smaller than 6" in order to comply with fire-flow requirements and the "Criteria for Water Supply and Distribution in the City of San Antonio and its Extraterritorial Jurisdiction."

**SEWER**

**INSIDE CITY LIMITS (ICL)**

\$0.1760 Monthly Volume Charge per 100 gallons of contributed wastewater. (\$1.32 per 100 cubic feet)

**OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS (OCL)**

\$86.50 Monthly Service Availability Charge plus \$0.2113 Monthly Volume Charge per 100 gallons of contributed wastewater. (\$1.59 per 100 cubic feet)